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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY RIELLY, ANGELO, APPEL, BEALL, BEHN, BLACK,  
1 3 BOETTGER, BOLKCOM, CONNOLLY, COURTNEY, DANIELSON,  
1 4 DEARDEN, DOTZLER, DVORSKY, FRAISE, GASKILL,  
1 5 GRONSTAL, HAHN, HANCOCK, HARTSUCH, HATCH,  
1 6 HECKROTH, HOGG, HORN, HOUSER, JOHNSON, KETTERING,  
1 7 KIBBIE, KREIMAN, LUNDBY, McCOY, McKIBBEN,  
1 8 McKINLEY, MULDER, NOBLE, OLIVE, PUTNEY, QUIRMBACH,  
1 9 RAGAN, SCHMITZ, SCHOENJAHN, SENG, SEYMOUR,  
1 10 STEWART, WARD, WARNSTADT, WIECK, WOOD, ZAUN,  
1 11 and ZIEMAN  
1 12 A Resolution honoring Iowan Eugene Ely, a pioneer in  
1 13 Naval aviation.  
1 14 WHEREAS, Eugene Ely was a pioneer of Naval aviation  
1 15 in the early twentieth century; and  
1 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Ely was born in Iowa County, Iowa, on  
1 17 October 21, 1886, and moved to Davenport, Iowa, at  
1 18 nine years of age; and  
1 19 WHEREAS, on November 14, 1910, he was the first  
1 20 aviator to successfully launch from a Navy ship, the  
1 21 U.S.S. Birmingham, at Hampton Roads, Virginia; and  
1 22 WHEREAS, on January 18, 1911, Mr. Ely was the first  
1 23 aviator to successfully land on a Navy ship, the  
1 24 U.S.S. Pennsylvania, near San Francisco Bay, off the  
1 25 coast of California; and  
1 26 WHEREAS, Eugene Ely was killed during an expedition  
1 27 flight in Macon, Georgia, at the age of 25 on October  
1 28 19, 1911, and is buried one-half mile from his  
1 29 birthplace in Iowa County; and  
1 30 WHEREAS, on February 16, 1933, President Herbert  
2 1 Hoover posthumously presented him with the  
2 2 Distinguished Flying Cross in honor of his feats; and  
2 3 WHEREAS, the United States Post Office issued a  
2 4 commemorative plaque to the city of Williamsburg,  
2 5 Iowa, which was prepared by the Naval Air Station of  
2 6 Norfolk, VA; and  
2 7 WHEREAS, the 100th Anniversary of his first launch  
2 8 and his first landing will be November 14, 2010, and  
2 9 January 18, 2011, respectively; and  
2 10 WHEREAS, Eugene Ely is worthy of having the next  
2 11 aircraft carrier named after him by naming the  
2 12 aircraft carrier "Eugene Ely" and a commemorative  
2 13 stamp should be issued by the United States Postal  
2 14 Service; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate urges  
2 16 the United States Department of Defense to name the  
2 17 next aircraft carrier the "Eugene Ely" and requests  
2 18 the United States Postal Service to issue a  
2 19 commemorative stamp in honor of Mr. Ely; and  
2 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the  
2 21 Senate is directed to deliver a suitable copy of this  
2 22 Resolution to the United States Secretary of Defense  
2 23 and the Postmaster General of the United States.  
2 24 LSB 2635SS 82  
2 25 jr:nh/es/88